

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 6, line 15 and ending on page 6, line 17 with the paragraph below:

Figs. 9 and 10 ~~to 13~~ show a device for adjusting the length of a tubular shell for use with the present invention. ~~Figs. Fig. 9 and 10 show~~ shows the minimum position and ~~Figs. 11 to 13 show~~ Fig. 10 shows the maximum extension position.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 13, line 26 and ending on page 14, line 5 with the paragraph below:

The alignment system described above can be realised as a low cost system that is operator adjustable without the necessity for automated adjustment. A comparison between a system in accordance with the present invention and an active web control system is shown in Figs. 7 and 8. In Fig. 8 the active control system shows a typical oscillatory variance in the web position. The X axis is a time axis ~~whereby each unit is 3~~ in seconds. The Y axis gives the lateral displacement whereby 100 units represents 240 micron. The lateral positional variation of the web is of the order of 100 units, i.e. plus or minus 120 micron. Fig. 7 shows a similar system controlled by an alignment device of the present invention. The X axis is a time axis in hours.minutes.seconds. The Y axis gives the lateral displacement whereby 100 units represents 240 micron. Each curve represents a different trial. The lateral positional variation is typically about 20 units maximum, i.e. about plus or minus 24 micron. Hence, a system in accordance with the present invention reduces web walk to a low level, e.g. web control of +/- 25 or +/- 50 microns compared with +/- 120 microns for the conventional system.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 14, line 6 and ending on page 14, line 11 with the paragraph below:

Figures 9 ~~to 13~~ and 10 show an alternative embodiment of a means to adjust the side guides for use in an aligning device according to the present invention. These figures show schematically the outer form of an adjustable curved shell or fixed roller 3 as shown in Fig. 2. Only the outer form is shown - other details such as an inner supporting rod and a clamp or fixing means to maintain the curved shell or rod at a specific length have been omitted for the sake of clarity. The side guides 4,5 are also not shown.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 15, line 5 and ending on page 15, line 9 with the paragraph below:

~~Figures 9 to 13 show~~ Figure 9 shows and ~~10 show~~ the curved shell or fixed roller 3 according to this embodiment in its ~~in its~~ minimum extension, respectively. ~~Figures 11 to 13 show~~ Figure 10 shows the same curved shell or fixed roller 3 in its most extended position. Any intermediate position can be obtained depending upon the degree of relative rotation between the central portion 3B and the outer ones 3a, 3c.